and main rotator means for connecting each input port cyclically to a timeslot of the central switching unit.

10. The switch as claimed in Claim 9, and further comprising a second rotator means to connect each timeslot of the central switching unit cyclically to each output port.

11. The switch as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the main rotator means comprises a single stage of rotators.

12. The switch as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the main rotator means comprises multi-stage rotators.

13. The switch as claimed in Claim 10, wherein each rotator means comprises a single stage of rotators.

14. The switch as claimed in Claim 10, wherein each rotator means comprises multi-stage rotators. --

REMARKS

The Examiner has requested clarification of the term "CLOS" at page 4, line 6 of the specification. CLOS is a standard term used in switch traffic modeling, named after a gentleman named CLOS who demonstrated that for a switch to be non-blocking with N inputs, the switch has to have at least 2N-1 paths across its center. Thus, the meaning of the phase cited is that the capacity would be less than that of a switch conforming to the CLOS standard.

Continuation information has been provided on page 1 of the application.